

## **Chepachet Fire District**

### **Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting**

**October 19, 2011**

**The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.**

**Chairman Mr. Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present were Robert Lohr, George Leonhardt, Lynda Martone and Jamie Hainsworth. Also present were Tax Collector, were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis.**

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**All members have received copies of the minutes for September 28th, 2011.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes for September 28th, 2011 as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5–0.**

#### **Tax Collector's Report:**

**Mrs. Svansson has put in a call to Mr. Craven's office and is waiting to hear back from him regarding the properties we have picked up at tax sales over the last couple of years. She is looking for his recommendation on what to do. Mrs. Svansson also submitted a list of accounts to be considered for abatement. Most of them are mobile homes that were sold years ago. They have been mailed year after year and now they are being returned to us. Total amount of taxes to**

be considered for abatement is \$1337.71. Mr. Hainsworth advised to put on next month's agenda for consideration.

Mr. Steere discussed options for setting the tax rate. He feels it either needs to be .93c or .95c. If the rate is set at .93c it would be enough to generate the \$390,000 set at the Annual Meeting. If the rate is set at .95c it would generate an additional \$9,750 in tax revenue. If that rate is set at .95c it will give a 2 ½% cushion and seeing we never collect 100% of taxes that may be an option to consider. Also in the next couple of years the rate will need to be looked at once the new Fire Truck is purchased to cover then loan.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to set the tax rate at .95c per thousand, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Tax Collector's Report, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 5-0.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2011 and is 1/3 of the way through the fiscal year. Total income for 3rd Party

Billing is coming and over expectation and a nice increase. Total funds operating funds is \$170,000 until the tax bills get mailed out in December.

We may look into a larger deposit on the new Fire Truck if the 3rd

**Party funds keep coming in like they are now. Chief Dauphinais did mention that they will trading the 2 other trucks they are replacing towards to cost the New Fire Truck.**

**Mrs. Martone questioned the Tax Sale Expense line item in the Budget. Mrs. Shields explained that it shows the expenses from the July 2011 Tax**

**Sale and those expenses will be coming out of the Taxes Collected Revenue from all the properties that were sold at the Tax Sale. The only**

**Remaining expenses will be for the properties that were not purchased at the sale and reverted back to the Fire District.**

**Mr. Hainsworth questioned the properties that were not sold at the Tax Sale and reverted were back to the District that we should be careful about**

**assuming ownership of any of those properties especially if there is hazardous materials on the property. We will wait to hear Mr. Craven advice**

**on the matter**

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented and pay the monthly bills, Second by Mr. Lohr and passed 5-0.**

## **Chief's Report:**

**Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the September 2011 Monthly Chief's Reports to be placed on file.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports for September 2011 and place the copies on file, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 5-0.**

## **Committee:**

### **Fire Truck Committee:**

**The committee has a set of genetic specs that are ready to go. The committee should be ready to submit the Specs to the board at next month's meeting for review.**

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Steak Fry: Chief made mention that they clear about \$7500.00**
- 2. Revitalization of Main Street: Chief Dauphinais has been contacted about the town regarding the lights on Main Street. The town is looking to put additional decorative lights down the center on Main Street. They are looking for the Fire Department to pick up the cost of the Electric Bills and the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the lights. This is up for discussion at the next Town Council Meeting. Overall the board is not looking to incur more expenses to the current electric bill the District has.**

## **New Business:**

**1. Snow Plow Bids: They will be advertised next month and the bids will be reviewed at next month's meeting.**

## **Executive Session Per Article 42-46-5-A1:**

**Motion made by Mr. Hainworth to move to executive session per article 42-46-5-A1, second by Mrs. Martone and approved unanimously 5-0. 6:46pm**

**Minutes were presented to all Board Members for their review.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to accept the minutes from the closed session, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.**

**Chief made mention he did receive the letter from Dennis Foster that he said we was going to submit to the Chief.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to close executive session and reconvene to regular Monthly Meeting, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0. 6:50pm**

**1 vote was taken to approve minutes and have them sealed.**

**Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting on November 16th, 2011.**

**Mr. Hainsworth inquired to the open position of the Inspector and feels there should be more than one person doing that job going forward.**

**Currently Mr. Paul Desnoyers and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis are covering the position.**

**With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**